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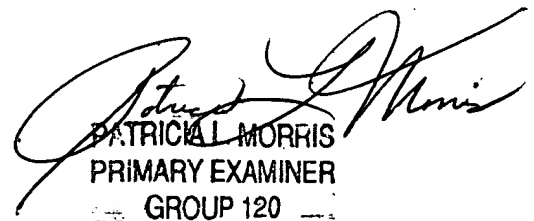
This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to respond to the Office letter, mailed 11/16/01.
- ☐ Applicant's letter of express abandonment which is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.138.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file the response received _____ within the period set in the Office letter.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of 3 months from the mailing date of _____ of the Notice of Allowance.
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In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 151, and under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.316(b), applicant(s) may petition the Commissioner to accept the delayed payment of the issue fee if the delay in payment was unavoidable. The petition must be accompanied by the issue fee, unless it has been previously submitted, in the amount specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(l), and a verified showing as to the causes of the delay.

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- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely correct the drawings and/or submit new or substitute formal drawings by _____ as required in the last Office action.
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- ☐ The reason(s) below.


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